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SUMMARY OF MAJOR MEDIA ITEMS ON INTELLIGENCE

1. Nazi War Criminals. A congressional investigation into Nazi war criminals in the U.S. may focus on whether American officials have lied and covered up information about them, according to a member of the investigative panel. The House Judiciary Committee's subcommittee on immigration, refugees and international law plans to conduct one of the major new probes into Nazi War criminals in the U.S. Senate and House intelligence committees also have begun looking into alleged links between U.S. intelligence agencies and Klaus Barbie. Senator Moynihan, vice chairman of the Senate intelligence committee, said "appropriate inquiries have been made at various agencies, including most recently inquiries about the activities of Mr. Klaus Barbie.... Since last spring, the select committee has been interested in the question of possible ties between former Nazi officials and U.S. intelligence agencies." Justice Department officials are weighing a recommendation that they open their own investigation into possible U.S. complicity in Barbie's escape from Europe after World War II, according to department sources. (AP, published in BALTIMORE SUN and WASHINGTON POST, 11 February; Reuters, 10 February)

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